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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted after the mailing date of a notice of allowance but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) and the following certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e):

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language translation of the documents.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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